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Literary Notes

With the single exception of Frederick Douglass, Booker T. Washington is the greatest leader of the Negro race who has come up out of slavery itself. Everyone knows what Mr. Washington has done at Tuskegee and elsewhere for the education and uplifting of the race. It is also true that he is a man of intensely interesting personal character and history. All these things lend peculiar attractiveness to the series of autobiographical articles which Mr. Washington has written for *The Outlook* under the title, "Up From Slavery." The first instalment is in the November Magazine Number of *The Outlook*, and is prefaced by a lifelike and strongly-drawn portrait made for *The Outlook* by the artist, Mr. Alfred Houghton Clark. Among the other illustrations of this first article special interest attaches to two pictures of log cabins, in one or the other of which Mr. Washington was born—the uncertainty in itself casts a strong light on the conditions of slavery. By a coincidence, *The Outlook* prints in the same issue a story of negro life, "The Sway-Backed House," by Charles W. Chesnutt, himself in part of negro blood, and the author of some of the best stories of negro character ever written, such as "The Wife of His Youth." (\$3 a year. *The Outlook Company*, New York.)

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
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Brevities

Socialists in Paris have organized a bureau to spread their doctrines.

A factory for liquid air is being erected at Los Angeles, Cal., for refrigerating purposes.

Forty-nine sailors on the cruiser Baltimore were given shore leave the other day in New York and deposited \$33,000 at the naval branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

In Greater New York the female population exceeds the male by some 25,000.

At last accounts two British ships a century old were still sailing on the high sea.

English has now succeeded French as the most universally used language in the world. It is spoken by 116,000,000 persons. Some speak Scotch, however.

Between 300 and 400 women are practicing law in the United States.

Over 20,000 survivors of the Galveston disaster are now being cared for by the relief committee.

Only in seventeen States can women dispose of their property by will. In the others they must have the consent of their husbands.

Rev. Lyman Abbott, the editor of the Outlook, has been chosen again as one of the preachers to Harvard University, to serve one year. Dr. Abbott is very popular at the university, and has been a preacher to it probably more often than any other clergyman.

China has still the old-fashioned system of private letter carrying. Letter shops are to be found in every town. If he has a letter to send, the Chinaman goes to a letter shop and bargains with the keeper thereof; he pays two-thirds of the cost, leaving the receiver to pay the rest on delivery.

The biggest man living is Lewis Wilkins, who is now arousing great interest in scientific circles of Europe. Wilkins was born on a farm near St. Paul, Minn., in 1874. When he was ten years of age he measured six feet in height, and now has grown to the tremendous height of 107 1-2 inches, just three quarters of an inch less than nine feet and weighs 364 lbs.

At the last world's Sunday School Convention held in London, England, there was exhibited, side by side, 350 Bibles, on one shelf, no two of the same language. There is no other book in the world that has been printed in so many different languages, or so many sizes and shapes as the Bible. More copies are sold annually than five of the most popular novels combined.

Those separated by the storm and washed in different directions all the members of the Stubbs family at Galveston were rescued. Father, mother and two children were on a floating roof that broke in pieces. The father, with one child, went one way, the mother went another, and the remaining child went in still a third direction. Sunday evening all four were reunited.

Our Cream Pitcher

Dorothea Dix

Be now faithful to thyself, my soul; so shalt thou leave thy retirement, and enter on this day's work fortified to withstand temptation, to sustain care, to meet trials, to do thy duty to thy Maker, to thy fellow-beings, and to thyself. Take strict heed to thy ways; set a watch over thine actions; and govern the thoughts of thy heart. Let thy tongue utter the words of truth and soberness; let thy lips speak no ill of their neighbor. Be more ready to forgive injuries than to resent offenses; thy own mind will reward thee,—for thou shalt greatly increase in joy and peace.

Presbyterian

It will also remove much of the burden of pauperism if, under the constraining influence of religion, people form habits of industry and economy. The mass of pauperism is the consequence of idleness and sin and the burden of relieving it rests on good and industrious citizens. Sometimes the burden seems too heavy to bear. The widespread influence of religion in this land would do wonders, in lifting burdens of every kind, and in bringing happiness into homes where it seldom comes. With all the exceptions that may come thru sickness and misfortune, the rule is that the Lord so cares for his faithful people, and few of them ever become a public charge or beg for bread.

J. R. Miller

The seed is the word, said the Master. In a sense, all our words are seeds. They have in them a strange, mysterious secret of life. They reproduce themselves when they fall into the soil of another life. You speak a thought of God into a listening ear, and it germinates in the heart and reproduces itself until it fills the whole life and transforms and transfigures the whole being.

One night a man came to Jesus to have a quiet talk with him. Jesus dropped a divine truth into the man's heart. It was only a word then, and it does not seem to have made a very deep impression at the time. But it was a heavenly seed and it grew. Three years after that night Jesus was nailed on a cross. Then two rich men, influential with the governor, interceded and obtained permission to give the body of Jesus honorable and loving burial. One of these two was the man in whose heart the seed of truth had been dropped three years before. That is the way the words of God change lives.

In a very real sense all the forthputtings and emanations of our life possess this same mysterious quality. We are all, as it were, fragments of God. We were made in the divine image. We all are immortal. Hence, in all that goes out from our lips or our hands there is a secret of life and reproduction. The lightest words we speak, falling into another heart, grow as seeds and yield a harvest.

In His Steps

Bishop Brooks seldom put into a smaller compass a weightier truth than when he said: "Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but laying hold upon God's willingness." Our own reluctance to accept God's will has often to be conquered before we can be brought into right relations with the Father, and we sometimes call this struggle prayer, but it is hardly a right name for it. And the idea that we have somehow to persuade God to be gracious, and tease Him into tenderness toward us, is very deep seated. Few understand that He is more ready to give than we are to receive, and that the obstacles to reception are wholly on our side. Prayer is chiefly the opening of our souls to take Him in, and the sweet converse with Him which transforms us into His image.

Forward

A man of Paul's learning and wide talents might naturally be expected to present many truths to the world. But he did not. He used all his varied abilities only to declare, in many forms, the one simple message of Christ and him crucified. His theme was ever life thru Christ and life in Christ. He had nothing better to say in answer to the wisdom of the Greeks, the Jews, and the Romans, than that Christ the crucified was all in all.

Christian Advocate

Holiness makes men charitable, but some men who profess to be holy are exceedingly uncharitable and unjust. They do not mean to slander their brethren. They have been deluded by narrow views of a glorious doctrine and experience. The damage they are inflicting on themselves, on those whom they unjustly accuse, on those who believe in and follow them, and on the entire church